

Seoul, Korea, B.L.G.  
May 8 1893

Dear Dr. Edmund:

Enclosed please  
find a letter & pictures which  
I hope may be deemed what  
is wanted for the August number  
of Church at Home & Abroad.  
I am hoping to leave this week  
for another visit to P'yong Yang  
Confident that our first repulse  
was only temporary and due  
entirely to indiscretion in making  
known to unreliable Koreans what  
were our plans. <sup>(This was done by others)</sup> I am quite  
sure that had we been allowed  
to carry out our plans we  
should have been as successful  
as we were at Suifu but I  
hope the first failure will

but have to have been  
a blessing.  
I go this time expecting to stay  
2 months or so, according to  
the development of affairs but  
I hope to be able to visit very  
considerable progress towards gaining  
an abiding place in P'yeng Yang.  
One thing our last trip showed  
to ~~me~~ ~~the~~ and very much  
to my regret viz that Mr.  
Lee cannot yet endure the  
long country trips and that  
in a year or two he must give  
him up. I hope he will be  
able to arrange to stay in Gamsan  
until we get P'yeng Yang ready for  
him and his wife and that <sup>in</sup> two  
years there will be fit him for  
work.

I am greatly disappointed, as  
he is over the turn in his  
health for we had looked for-  
ward with great satisfaction to  
working together in gaining our way  
into this interior city.

At present all sorts of rumors  
(largely false & exaggerated ones) are  
circulating concerning a rebellion  
in the South. As usual Washington  
& London will probably hear a  
great deal more alarming news  
than we who are here will ever  
know. If the rebellion does  
amount to anything we have no  
fears for ourselves and I doubt  
not that any change in the Country  
will but open it the more freely  
to the gospel and that our position  
here will be the stronger and  
our privilege the greater.  
The people are most abominably mis-

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Governed - the officials being little  
more than robbers and the  
officials are hated beyond all  
expression.

Altho we hear but few counsels as  
yet the influence of the gospel  
truths has been great deal to  
do with the discontent and loud  
complaints of the people.

Hatred of the Japanese is strong  
but my travels in the country here  
give me every reason to think  
that the people are friendly to  
Westerners. The rebellion may  
take the form of opposition to  
all foreigners - much as an excuse  
to get the government into difficulties  
in order to overthrow it, but I  
expect no serious outbreak against  
us.

Much to our joy we hear of Dr Underwood's  
arrival in Fusan and look for him  
here tomorrow. With kindest  
regards  
Very sincerely yours  
J. A. Moffett.